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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY GIFT

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1. FOLLOWING LOYALTY DAY SPEECH (SEPTTEL) AND IN CELEBRATION OF HIS BIRTHDAY, MARCOS EXERCISED EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY TO RELEASE SENATOR DIOKNO, ELEUTERIO (ALLEGED MEMBER OF ANTI-MARCOS CONSPIRACY) ADEVOSO, ANTOLIN ORETA (AQUINO BROTHER IN LAW), ANGEL BAKING (CP LEADER) AND TEOFRISTO (GUINGONA (MANGLAPUS ASSOCIATE AND BITTER CONCON OPPONENT). RELEASE ANNOUNCED TO MRS. DIOKNO AT 2 A.M., SEPT. 11 BY METROCOM AND RELEASE EFFECTED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY PONCE ENRILE AT 9 A.M. AT CAMP AGUINALDO. IN EXCHANGE FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE UNDER PROVISION 1081, PRISONERS SIGNED PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES, AGREED TO ABIDE BY CONSTITUTION (UNSPECIFIED), AND BY PROCLAMATION 1081 ET AL, AND NOT TO "JOIN OR SUPPORT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION OR JOIN ANY LAWLESS GANG OR ELEMENT". WHILE ALL PRISONERS SIGNED PLEDGE, DIOKNO BALKED AT CONCLUDING SECTION OF PLEDGE THAT REQUIRED HE BECOME INFORMER. RATHER THAN ACCEPT DIOKNO SUGGESTION THAT HE CROSS OUT SECTIONS WITH WHICH HE DID NOT AGREE, ENRILE GOT DIOKNO TO SIGN "WITH RESERVATIONS". RELEASE PUBLICIZED IN
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MEDIA THIS AFTERNOON. UNDER CONDITIONS OF RELEASE,

HOWEVER, ALL PRISONERS ARE ENJOINED FROM TALKING WITH MEDIA.

2. SENATOR TANADA CONFIDED TO EMBASSY HIS ASSUMPTION THAT PRESSURES FROM A) FOREIGN PRESS; B) CHURCH; C) MINDANAO; AND D) ECONOMY HAD CAUSED MARCOS TO ATTEMPT TO CURRY FAVOR WITH PUBLIC BY RELEASES. HE FELT IT COULD BE BEGINNING OF "HUMANIZING TREND. "ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER SAME CLEMENCY TO THOSE MORE LIKE AQUINO AGAINST WHOM CHARGES HAD BEEN BROUGHT, IT WOULD BE UNDER GREATER PRESSURE TO HELP THOSE HELD WITHOUT CHARGES.

3. TANDA NOTED GOVERNMENT HAD NOT NEGOTIATED RELEASE OF DIOKNO WITH DIOKNO OR HIMSELF. DIOKNO WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. HE WAS BADLY OFF FINANCIALLY, HOWEVER.

4. COMMENT: REGIME HAS BEEN GRAPPLING WITH ALBATROSS OF DIOKNO FOR LONG TIME. RELEASE FOR REASONS OF CLEMENCY OBVIOUSLY BEST COURSE AND REGIME NO DOUBT HOPES ACTION WILL TAKE US AND UK PRESS OFF ITS BACK AND EARN PROPAGANDA BENEFITS AS WELL. INCLUSION OF OTHER GENTLEMEN IN RELEASE, PARTICULARLY ADENOSO, LESS EXPECTED AND SHOULD ADD TO GENERAL IMPRESSION OF MARCOS' BENEFICENCE. WE ARE INCLINED, HOWEVER, TO BELIEVE RELEASES ARE CAREFULLY CALCULATED. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE INDEED RESPONSIVE TO PRESSURES BROUGHT ON REGIME, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY PRESAGE MORE GENERAL RELAXATION OF REGIME NOR RELEASE OF AQUINO.
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